17th March 2014

Dear parents, students and family members,

Mums and dads of years 4, 5 and 6 students, I am sure you had some very mature conversations over the weekend. All students were asked to chat with you about various issues related to online chat rooms, privacy controls (or should I say lack of privacy controls), online bullying and the impact cyber–bullying has on students; along with the school’s response to same. I respect your choice with your children to continue using online chat rooms to ensure your children’s safety as many of you have surrendered the home phone in preference of a mobile phone, but please select a site which has privacy settings and ensure you turn them on.

Today Constable Mark Scambery visited our school to chat to years 4, 5 and 6 students about Cyber–Bullying and the dangers faced by students who engage in online chat. There are a number of sites coming onto the technology market place which have absolutely no privacy settings and are placing children at risk now and into the future. Over the last few days students have been learning a lot about sites such as KICK. KICK is an online chat line which advertises that the conversations can be deleted, but this is not the case. Conversations with photos are owned by KICK for use by them in any form and at any time now and into the future.

FOR you information re cyber–bullying at Bargo Public School:

- cyber–bullying is not acceptable;
- students who engage in online bullying will be given a punishment, as it is illegal to have a KICK account until you turn 17;
- as a mandatory reporter by law, it is my job to review all situations which come to my attention, from parents, from students, from teachers.

More on this interesting topic, over the coming weeks, months and years, watch for the parent workshop ad in our newsletter.

In the meantime, I would like to extend an invitation to all parents and carers to attend parent workshops on Wednesday evenings from 7pm to 8.30pm, courtesy of the P and C. Feel free to pick and choose which workshops you will attend, if not all of them. The topics listed below will be delivered by Maryanne Lakeman (Founder of SPACED) who has worked closely with many different communities over the years. Maryanne works on the premise of ‘Pushing beyond our learning limits for kids’ and has designed many courses to meet the needs of parents with strategies to enhance parents’ current understanding of education.

The proposed topics are:

- April 2nd Spelling – a workshop for parents to learn how to help their children - confirmed
- June 4th Grammar – a workshop for parents to learn how to help their children at home
- August 6th Space and Measurement – a workshop for parents to learn how to help their children
- September 3rd Triple P Parenting work shop TBC

These topics are negotiable and will be confirmed following the first workshop.

- Thursday November 6th 2014 Kindy Orientation – ‘Getting Ready for Big School’ – a workshop for parents to learn how to help their children – confirmed

Following the first session, parents will be able to contribute to the decision making process of selecting topics for these workshops.
RSVP: April 2nd

**Spelling – a workshop for parents to learn how to help their children at home**

I will be attending the workshop for parents on Wednesday 2nd April, 2014 commencing at 7pm in the school library.

Parent’s Name(s)______________________________Child’s class______________

Please return to the silver tin for catering and resource package purposes.

Anne Bunga
On behalf of the P and C.

**Attention parents of bus students:** It has been brought to my attention that some students from our school feel that they do not have to follow rules and listen to the bus driver when they are on the bus. As long as students are in our uniform and on the way to or from school, they are our responsibility and must follow school rules.

If your child catches the bus please remind him or her that he or she needs to do the right thing for the entire time on the bus during the trip to or from school. It is not acceptable that students from Bargo PS repeatedly disobey the rules of our school.

**Attention parents of Year 6 students:** Remember mums and dads to complete your year 6 child’s application for high school for 2015. All paperwork must be completed and returned as soon as possible to the silver tin.

Enjoy the term ahead, aim to learn something new every day and be as active as you can be in our school! Please chat with your children on a daily basis for notes relating to information about meetings, curriculum, excursions, school events, sport, welfare issues or celebrations of success!

Anne Bunga
Principal

**TOPICS**

- Harmony Day
- Tiles, Tiles and more tiles
- Easter Hat Parade – repeat
- Certificate 2 Horticulture
- Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?
- Notes to be returned
- Money Collection
- Dates for term 1, 2014
- Advertising

**Thursday is banking day**

**Harmony Day – Friday 21st March**

All students are encouraged to wear orange to school of Friday 21/3/14 (there is no cost to this activity) as part of the week long celebrations of Harmony Week. Each year schools celebrate the cohesive and inclusive nature of our nation and promote the benefits of cultural diversity. This year Harmony Day also coincides with the United Nation’s International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, as well as National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.

In 2014 the theme for Harmony Week is ‘Everyone Belongs’. This theme is about dealing with cultural, racial and religious tolerance by promoting respect, fairness and a sense of belonging for everyone. Throughout the week, students with their teachers, will be celebrating learning through actions, study of a country, performances, fashion and food.
**Tiles, Tiles and more Tiles**

Work has commenced on our latest art project in our school grounds – the mural on the end of the kindergarten block facing onto the road - and the students are very excited!!! The students have taken the responsibility of constructing the mural, with a little bit of help from Mrs Dow and Mrs Fowler on board, and are very eager. (It is very exciting watching the little faces duck around the corner to check out the progress on the wall).

Check out the website for photos of the students at work – they are all very proud of themselves. Students are eagerly cutting tiles into smaller sizes, or gluing them into place on the wall. The theme of the mural is the Safe, Respectful Learner lyrebirds, surrounded by lots of flora.

School, with the help of the P and C, have purchased the tiles for the 3 lyrebirds and the wording for our mural, along with glue, safety goggles and tile cutters. We are looking for tiles in all shapes, sizes and colours for the background and the flora. If you have one or two tiles or even a dozen tiles lying around, we will gladly take them off your hands and add them to this project.

**Request for Easter Eggs and fixing the Sound System in the hall**

Mums and dads it is time to start creating an Easter Hat or two for your children to wear during our Easter Hat Parade. Year 6 students are encouraged to make and wear a mask on the day. **As is the tradition** at Bargo Public School, we would like to extend an invitation to all grandparents (and grandfriends) to attend our Easter Hat Parade and Cross Country Carnival.

A word of warning, however, for all of our grandparents, wear comfortable shoes and loose fitting clothing, bring a chair and some band-aids. Mums and Dads can come too! Be prepared!

**Donations of chocolate Easter eggs** will be gratefully accepted by Mrs Compton. Easter raffle tickets can be purchased at the school from 8.50 am to 9.10 am, at lunch and after school near the canteen starting very soon. The tickets are 50c each or $5 for a book.

We rely on your wonderful donations of Easter eggs. Donations of eggs, cellophane, baskets and ribbons are urgently needed and will be gratefully accepted. Thank you for your anticipated support of this event. We look forward to a great day. Mrs Compton is now accepting Easter eggs, bags, baskets and cellophane to be made into prizes for this year’s Easter Raffle. Please bring these donations to the library. Thank you for your continued support.

All money raised will be used to repair the hall’s sound system.

**Certificate 2 Horticulture**

In last week’s newsletter you might have read about the certificate course running out of Tahmoor Uniting Church on Thursdays. There are fees and concessions for people trying to get back into the workforce. 15 enrolments are required to run the course……learning about something new is great … why not sign up?

Did you know that Tahmoor Uniting Church also houses a Men’s Club? The Men’s Club runs on Monday and Thursday… make some new friends or learn some new skills.

**Do you have a child in Year 4, 5 or 6?**

In 2001 (over 12 years ago) the government introduced the “Child Tax Offset” and surprisingly many Australians do not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits. If you child was born between 1 July and 30 June 2004 you may be eligible to receive up to $12 500 of entitlements. The government has now put a deadline on this entitlement so email childoffset@twelfe.com.au to receive more information or call on (02) 9524 2744.

**Notes to be returned via the silver collection tin**

Please look for these notes which have been sent home and return as soon as possible, placing the correct money (if necessary) in the envelope and place it in the silver security tin at the rear of the administration block on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning.

- 2015 Kindergarten enrolments
- Years 4, 5 and 5 Bush Camp 3day/2nights camp

**Notes are also available from the Bargo’s website.** JUST google Bargo Public School and open the calendar tab after reading the front page for the details of here to find the note. Cheques should be made out to Bargo Public School. EFTPOS is also available. Please refer to the note for details about making payments.
Upcoming Dates Term 1 – 2014
Watch this space in the newsletter and add and amend the dates as necessary.

Week 8 - Lots of teaching and learning occurring, plus:-
- Monday 17th/Friday 28th March School Swimming scheme
- Tuesday 18/3 South West Sydney PSSA swimming carnival
- Thursday 20th March Principal conference
- Friday 21st March Principal conference
- World Poetry Day and Autumn Equinox

Week 9 - Lots of teaching and learning occurring, plus:-
- Mon 24th/Wed 26th March Campbelltown Performing Arts High School auditions for yr 7 2015 students
- Wednesday 26th March Primary AFL trials

Week 10 - Lots of teaching and learning occurring, plus:-
- Wednesday 2nd April P and C meeting 7.30 pm in the staff
- Thursday 3rd April Paul Kelly Cup @ Monash Oval
- Friday 4th April 2pm K-6 Assembly
- PSSA Gala Day TBC

Week 11 - Lots of teaching and learning occurring, plus:-
- Wednesday 9th April State PSSA Swimming Carnival at Homebush (permission note required along with sport’s levy)
- Primary AFL Development Day
- Thursday 10th April 9.30am ANZAC school based ceremony
- Friday 12th April 9.30 – 12 noon K-6 Cross Country Carnival
- 2pm Easter Hat Parade
- Last day of term

Holiday Activities
- Fri 18th/Mon 21st April Easter Weekend
- Thursday 25/4 ANZAC Day March in Picton 6.15am Dawn Service
- 11am Bargo Sports Club

Term 2 begins
- Monday 28th April Staff development– New Australian Curriculum
- Tuesday 29th April Students return

Save the date
10th October 2014 Bargo Public School Fete

Wollondilly Redbacks Junior AFL Club – 2014 Player Registrations
We are currently seeking players for the 2014 season to play on Sundays!
Teams will be fielded in the following age groups. Under 9’s, 10’s, 11’s, 12’s and 14’s.
We also run an AFL Auskick Clinic for kids aged 4 and up.
Team training is on Tuesdays from 5.00pm at Bargo Sports Ground.
For additional information please phone David on 0408 492 144 or email redbacksafl@gmail.com
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Call Shane or Mitchell on (02)4677 0101 or visit us at Unit 4, 15 Henry Street, Picton 2571, between 8.00am to 4.30pm to discuss your needs.

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

Please remember to put your order in for the re-usable lunch wallets.

Only 2 weeks left to order.

Please place your order in the canteen letter box, or see Anna.

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Thank you

Anna

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**Feeling classy?**

New women’s exercise classes at Bargo Fitness Centre starting... NOW!

- **Total Tone Up** 9:15am – 10:00am Mon & Fri
- **Ladies Kickboxing** 9:30am - 10:30am Tue & Thur

*Bargo Martial Arts and Fitness Centre*

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*Personal Training*

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Or try our group classes

- **ZUMBA Fitness**
- **BoxMeFit**
- **Spun Out**
- **The Spin Bike Class**
- **TAI CHI**

**Hours**

- **Mon-Fri** 6am-9pm
- **Sat** 7am-1pm